

**In Re Autman,**  
**Del. Supr., 331 A.2d 150 (1975)**

**Disciplinary Rules:** DR 1-102(A)(4), DR 6-101(A)(3),  
DR 7-101(A)(2)

**Nature of Case:**

The Censor Committee found as follows:

- (1) That Respondent had undertaken to represent a client in the appeal of a case from the Family Court to the Superior Court but had failed to timely perfect said appeal and that after the period of perfecting the appeal had passed, misrepresented to his client that the appeal had been perfected, stating that the case had not been heard due the congested Superior Court calendar.
- (2) That Respondent had been retained by another client to represent his client and his wife in connection with an accident which had resulted in serious injury to the client's son, and that Respondent filed an action but failed to respond to an order directing Respondent to provide Answers to Interrogatories, and that due to Respondent's failure to provide said Answers, the action was dismissed and that thereafter Respondent failed to communicate with the clients.
- (3) That the Respondent was retained by a third client to appeal client's criminal conviction but that Respondent failed to communicate with client concerning the appeal and Respondent failed to timely perfect said appeal.

**Action Taken by the Court:**

The Court accepted the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained in the Censor Committee's Final Report and ordered that the Respondent be suspended from all activity as a member of the Delaware Bar for a period of six months. The Court's order further provided that the Respondent not receive any fees or portion of fees resulting from cases referred by Respondent to any other attorney due to Respondent's suspension and provided that Respondent make arrangements with other counsel to protect Respondent's clients' interests during Respondent's suspension.